

South Kauai

POIPU

, Kauai's principal beach resort, was hard hit by Iniki, but is now finally back to normal, offering great surfing and snorkeling. Its finest hotel

is the sumptuous

Hyatt Regency

, 1571 Poipu Rd (tel 808/742-1234 or 1-800/554-9288,

; \$250+), while

Grantham Resorts

(tel 808/742-7220 or 1-800/325-5701, ; \$100-250+) quotes much lower

prices for condos in the area than you'll be offered by individual

properties. The best restaurants are two upmarket Pacific Rim options: Casa di Amici

, 2360 Nalo Rd (tel 808/742-1555), and

Roy's Poipu Bar & Grill

(tel 808/742-5000), in the Poipu Shopping Village mall.